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REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK.

At the annual meeting of the qualified voters of the Town of Norwell held March 7, 1904, the following action was taken on the several articles contained in the warrant :

Article 1. To choose a Moderator.

Chose Alpheus Thomas Moderator.

Article 2. To choose a Town Clerk.

Chose Joseph F. Merritt Town Clerk.

Article 3. To hear and act on the report of the Town Clerk, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Auditor, Collector and Treasurer.

Voted, that the reports rendered by these officers be accepted.

Article 4. To choose all such town officers as the laws of the State and the by-laws of the Town require.

The following officers were chosen by ballot :

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, George W. Griggs, Alpheus Thomas, Ezra E. Stetson.

Treasurer, Horace T. Fogg.

Auditor, George Cushing.

Tree Warden, John Corthell.

School Committee for three years, Benjamin Loring.

Board of Health for three years, Dr. Harry J. Little.

Constables, Walter T. Osborn, J. Warren Foster, Alpheus Thomas, John Corthell, William E. Wilder, Everett E. Chamberlin.

Tax Collector, Andrew J. Litchfield.

Highway Surveyors. Voted to have three Highway Surveyors, one for each ward.

East Ward, Emanuel P. Joseph.

South Ward, Francis E. Henderson.

West Ward, Walter Simmons.

Field Drivers, Walter T. Osborn, J. Warren Foster, Alpheus Thomas, John Corthell, William E. Wilder, Everett E. Chamberlin.

Fence Viewers, Emanuel P. Joseph, Francis E. Henderson, Walter Simmons.

Cemetery Committee, George W. Curtis, Charles H. Lapham, Joseph H. Curtis.

Article 5. To bring in their votes "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town for the ensuing year."

The polls were kept open one hour as required by law. Total number of ballots cast 120—"yes" 20, "no" 100.

Article 6. What amount of money will the town raise for the support of poor and incidental expenses?

Voted, to raise and appropriate \$2000 for the support of poor.

Voted, to raise and appropriate \$500 for incidental expenses.

Article 7. What sum of money will the town raise for the support of schools?

Voted, to raise and appropriate \$5000 for support of schools.

Article 8. What sum of money will the town raise for highway repairs?

Voted, to raise and appropriate \$2500 for highway repairs.

Article 9. What compensation will the town make for removing snow, and appropriate money for the same?

Voted, 25 cents per hour compensation, and to raise and appropriate \$500, and also to use the street railway excise tax as an appropriation.

Article 10. In what manner and time shall the taxes be collected the ensuing year?

Voted, that the taxes be collected as follows: That all taxes not paid Jan. 1, 1905, interest be charged at the rate

of 6 per cent.; after April 1, the Collector shall issue summons and proceed to collect all unpaid taxes, and that the money shall be paid to the Treasurer or a deposit made by the Collector for all unpaid taxes on or before July 1, 1905.

Voted, that the Collector have the same powers in the collection of taxes that he would have if he were also Town Treasurer.

Voted, that the salary of the Collector be \$225.

Article 11. Will the town accept the list of jurors prepared by the Selectmen?

George W. Curtis, Henry D. Smith and Willard Torrey were chosen a committee to revise the jury list.

Voted to accept the revised list.

James L. Litchfield

Alpheus Damon

George F. Cate

Arthur T. Stoddard

L. Frank Hammond

Francis E. Henderson

Wallace H. Damon

Walter T. Osborn

Henry J. Tolman

Arthur C. Jones

Seth Foster

Edwin A. Turner

Charles N. Gardner

Amos H. Tilden

Daniel W. Ross

Herbert E. Robbins

George E. Torrey

Walter C. Barnard

Lebbeus Leach

George H. Tisdale

John F. Turner

Charles D. Barnard

Joseph H. Corthell

William H. Spencer

Clifford A. Brett

Article 12. Will the town authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of taxes?

It was voted by a majority of the legal voters present and voting that the Treasurer be and hereby is authorized, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow during the present municipal year, in anticipation of the collection of taxes, such sums of money as may be necessary for the current expenses of the town, but not exceeding the total tax levy for said year, giving the notes of the town therefor, payable

within eighteen months from the date thereof. All debts incurred under the authority of this vote shall be paid from the taxes of the present municipal year.

Article 13. To hear and act on the report of any committee heretofore chosen.

The committee chosen to ascertain cost of building a receiving tomb reported that a suitable one could be built for \$500, and it was voted to accept their report.

The committee chosen to ascertain how the "Prudence C. Delano Fund" for benefit of poor children had been expended, reported progress made and it was voted to accept his report and have him make a further report later.

Article 14. To make allowance to town creditors.

No action taken under this article.

Article 15. What sum of money will the town appropriate for the use of Post 112, G. A. R., on Memorial day?

Voted, to raise and appropriate \$100.

Article 16. What sum of money will the town appropriate for the payment of State and Military Aid?

Voted, to appropriate \$2500.

Article 17. What sum of money will the town appropriate to pay the Superintendent of Schools?

Voted, to appropriate \$250.

Article 18. What sum of money will the town raise for the repairs of school houses and incidentals?

Voted, to raise and appropriate \$250.

Article 19. Will the town cause a statement of their financial affairs to be printed in February next?

Voted, that they do.

Article 20. Will the town appropriate a sum of money to be expended in the cemetery on Washington street?

Voted, to raise and appropriate \$100 to be used in said cemetery.

Article 21. Will the town cause a receiving tomb to be built in the cemetery and raise and appropriate money for the same?

Voted, that the cemetery committee be a committee to build a receiving tomb, and that they have it done by contract, and to borrow and appropriate \$500 for this purpose, the money received from the sale of lots to be used to pay the loan; and it was voted to authorize and instruct the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow the sum of \$500 for the term of five years, and give the necessary note of the town to secure the same.

Article 22. What price will the town pay for labor on the highways for the ensuing year?

Voted, to pay the same as last year, viz. : 20 cents per hour for labor, and the highway surveyors \$2.50 per day.

Article 23. Will the town change the name of the street leading from River street, at a point near the residence of Albert N. Farrar, to the Hanover line, at "Winslow's Bridge," from Mill street to Tiffany Road?

Voted, that the Selectmen be authorized to make the necessary change.

Article 24. Will the town accept a legacy from Mary O. Robbins for the care of her lot in the cemetery at Norwell, near the Unitarian church, any part of the income from said legacy not used for the care of said lot, to be used for the benefit of the poor of the town.

Voted, that the Selectmen be instructed to accept the bequest as trustees for the Town and that the Town Clerk make a record of the clause, in will, in which bequest is made.

Article 25. What action will the town take in regard to a new school house, and raise or appropriate money for the same?

Voted, not to appropriate money to build school house.

Article 26. Will the town appropriate a sum of money to complete the sidewalk on River street, near the school house in District No. 7?

Voted, to instruct the Highway Surveyor in the south ward to complete the above named sidewalk this season.

Article 27. Will the town raise a sum of money to repair the town landing near Union bridge.

Voted, to pass over.

Article 28. Will the town take any action in regard to the celebration of "Old Home week," and appropriate money for the same?

Voted, to pass over.

Article 29. Will the town pay a bounty on woodchucks killed in town and appropriate money for that purpose?

Voted, to pay a bounty of 25 cents per head on woodchucks and that the Selectmen be authorized to receive both heads and tails of woodchucks and pay bounty.

Article 30. Will the town rebuild the road on River street, from the residence of Charles David to the top of Delano hill, with a sidewalk on one side, and appropriate money for the same.

Voted, that the Selectmen be instructed to petition the county commissioners to view the above piece of road, re-locate and widen the same where necessary.

Article 31. Will the town give any instructions to town officers?

Voted, that the cemetery committee be authorized to allow townspeople purchasing lots in the cemetery one year in which to pay for them, all others to be required to pay cash.

Voted, to instruct the Highway Surveyors to act as a board and spend the money where, in their judgment, it is most needed.

Voted, that the Treasurer be authorized to pay orders on the signatures of two members of the School Committee without referring to the Selectmen.

Voted, that the Town Clerk make a record of all bequests to the Selectmen, as trustees for the town, in a book to be used for this purpose.

Voted, that the Selectmen be instructed to draw an order to pay the Clerk what they consider his services in carrying out this vote to be reasonably worth.

Article 32. Or act, or do anything relative to the above.

The two fish rights were sold at auction, bringing \$3.50 and \$4.50. The purchaser was Charles S. Tilden.

Voted, that the secretary of the School Committee receive \$50, and the other members be paid not more than \$25 each.

Voted, that all taxes be assessed on the polls and estates of residents and on the estates of non-residents.

Voted, to pay the Moderator \$5 for his services this day.

Voted, that meeting be dissolved.

Attest: JOSEPH F. MERRITT, Town Clerk.

STATE ELECTION.

Pursuant to a warrant, duly executed, the qualified voters of the Town of Norwell met at the Town Hall, Tuesday, November 8, 1904. The polls were opened at 6 A. M. and closed at 12 M. The whole number of ballots cast was 218, and on being counted in open meeting were found to be as follows.

ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT.

Corregan and Cox, Socialist Labor	0
Debs and Hanford, Socialist	1
Parker and Davis, Democratic	46
Roosevelt and Fairbanks, Republican	151
Swallow and Carroll, Prohibition	1
Watson and Tibbles, Peoples Party	0
Blanks	19

GOVERNOR.

John Quincy Adams, Socialist	0
John L. Bates, Republican	120
Michael T. Berry, Socialist Labor	0
Oliver W. Cobb, Prohibition	1

William L. Douglas, Democratic	89
Blanks	8

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

Olof Bokelund, Socialist	2
John C. Crosby, Democratic	58
Frank P. Dyer, Prohibition	4
Curtis Guild, Jr., Republican	135
Moritz E. Ruther, Socialist Labor	1
Blanks	18

SECRETARY.

James A. Bresnahan, Socialist Labor	0
Fannie J. Clary, Prohibition	2
Charles C. Hitchcock, Socialist	2
Henry B. Little, Democratic	43
William M. Olin, Republican	144
Blanks	27

TREASURER.

Hubert C. Bartlett, Socialist	1
Arthur B. Chapin, Republican	145
Edmund D. Codman, Democratic	44
Andrew Mortensen, Socialist Labor	0
Willard O. Wylie, Prohibition	2
Blanks	26

AUDITOR.

Charles E. Burnham, Prohibition	3
Walter J. Hoar, Socialist Labor	0
Charles Stevens, Socialist	2
Francis X. Tetrault, Democratic	43
Henry E. Turner, Republican	140
Blanks	30

ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

Henry M. Dean, Prohibition	3
John P. Leahy, Democratic	41

Herbert Parker, Republican	145
John Weaver Sherman, Socialist	2
Thomas Stevenson, Socialist Labor	1
Blanks	26

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS (14th DISTRICT.)

Thomas H. Buttimer, Democratic	55
Charles H. Coulter, Socialist	3
Sherman E. Ellis, Prohibition	6
William C. Lovering, Republican	134
Blanks	20

COUNCILLOR (1st DISTRICT.)

Herbert L. Chipman, Prohibition	4
Roland C. Nickerson, Republican	137
Joseph R. Smith, Socialist	2
Blanks	75

SENATOR (1st PLYMOUTH DISTRICT.)

Charles B. Gaffney, Prohibition	3
William S. Kyle, Republican	143
Henry N. Magoun, Democratic	45
Flavel S. Thomas, Socialist	1
Blanks	26

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT.

(SECOND PLYMOUTH DISTRICT.)

Charles M. Harlow, Democratic	43
Joseph Sherman, Republican	142
Blanks	33

COUNTY COMMISSIONER. (PLYMOUTH.)

David Burke, Socialist	0
Walter H. Faunce, Republican	144
Jacob Hersey, Prohibition	3
Nathaniel Morton, Democratic	42
Blanks	29

COUNTY COMMISSIONER. (PLYMOUTH—VACANCY.)

Jere B. Howard, Republican	133
Harry Morgan, Democratic	38
George W. Severance, Prohibition	3
Zoel Thibadeau, Socialist	0
Blanks	44

ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONERS. (PLYMOUTH.)

Francis Chamberlin, Prohibition	1
Israel H. Hatch, Prohibition	3
Isaac M. Jackson, Democratic	36
Walter M. Snow, Democratic	34
Albert Sprague, Republican	126
Harry D. Stewart, Socialist	0
Ezekiel R. Studley, Republican	102
Matthew Teehan, Socialist	0
Blanks	134

DISTRICT ATTORNEY. (SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT.)

Asa P. French, Democratic, Republican	154
John McCarty, Socialist	2
Blanks	62

SHERIFF. (PLYMOUTH COUNTY.)

Bartholomew Ford, Socialist	1
John J. Ford, Democratic	52
Edward G. Knight, Prohibition	3
Henry S. Porter, Republican	138
Blanks	24

CLERKS' CONVENTION.

At a meeting of the Town Clerks of the towns comprising the Second Plymouth Representative District held Nov. 18, 1904, at the clerk's office in Marshfield, the vote for representative in the district was found to be as follows :

Whole number of ballots	1361
Charles M. Harlow, Democratic	264
Joseph Sherman, Republican	812
Blanks	285

Joseph Sherman, having a plurality of votes, was declared to be elected and his certificate made out in accordance therewith.

REGISTERED VOTERS.

At the close of registration Oct. 29, 1904, there were 366 male voters and 3 female voters on the lists.

ENROLLED MILITIA.

Number of men enrolled for military duty, 229.

DOGS LICENSED.

The number of dogs licensed during the year ending Dec. 1, 1904, was as follows :

Male,	131
Female,	19
Special Breeders' License,	1

MARRIAGES RECORDED DURING YEAR 1904.

- Jan. 4. At Swampscott, Alfred F. Hatch and Ethel May Bellamy, both of Norwell, by Rev. Richard E. Armstrong.
- Jan. 16. At Cohasset, Bert Irving Richardson of Norwell and Hattie Whitcomb of Cohasset, by Rev. Frank Park.
- Mar. 14. At Norwell, Harry E. Ingraham of West Springfield and Mary A. Bailey of Norwell, by Rev. Melvin S. Nash.
- Mar. 27. At North Scituate, Henry Leonard Munnis and Berlada Laura Shaw, both of Norwell, by Rev. Arthur W. Cleaves.
- April 10. At Cohasset, Chester Howard Pratt of Norwell and Edna E. Burbank of Cohasset, by Rev. Frank Park.
- April 29. At Norwell, Charles Thomas Fish of Norwell and Fanny Priscilla Delano of Rockland, by Rev. Edward H. Keens.
- May 18. At Hingham, Arnold V. Beach of West Acton and Carrie Louisa Turner of Norwell, by Rev. Charles E. Park.
- June 20. At Norwell, Harry Dean Sampson of Hyde Park and Mary Augusta Schenck of Norwell, by Rev. Albert Bryant.
- June 26. At Hanover, Arthur Francis Henderson and Florence Sheldon Barker, both of Norwell, by Rev. Melvin S. Nash.
- Aug. 18. At Plymouth, Lester Wright Osborn of Norwell and Edith Mary Needham of Duxbury, by Rev. James F. Bullitt.
- Aug. 28. At Cohasset, William Edward Sexton and Katherine Frances Morrissey, both of Norwell, by Rev. William R. Cole.

- Sept. 14. At Norwell, Joseph Foster Merritt and Alice Gertrude Church, both of Norwell, by Rev. Clayton E. DeLaMater.
- Sept. 20. At Norwell, Samuel Austin Poole and Mary Jane Winsor, both of Hanover, by Rev. Edward H. Keens.
- Oct. 3. At Cohasset, Levi Nelson Osborne, Jr., of Norwell and Leonora I. Marten of Scituate, by Rev. Frank Park.
- Nov. 2. At Norwell, Stanley Washburn Oakman of Marshfield and Mary Elizabeth Gardner of Norwell, by Rev. James Lade.
- Nov. 23. At Norwell, Archie Ellsworth Fish and Clara Louise Cochran, both of Norwell, by Rev. Edward H. Keens.
- Dec. 1. At Norwell, Morrill Allen Phillips of Hanover and Addie Bicknell Wade of Boston, by Rev. Levi W. Staples.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN NORWELL, DURING THE YEAR 1904.

DATE OF BIRTH.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.	MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER.
January 13,	Illegitimate	A. Chapin and Josie A.	Prouty.
14,	Donald Chapin Tisdale	Stanley and Muriel E.	Bayley.
March 5,	Griffin	Joseph and Annie	McMannis
27,	Jonathan Mayers	Frank S. and L. Carrie	Osborne.
4,	Staples	L. Austin and Mabel G.	Pinkham.
8,	Helen Gertrude Lincoln	Arthur and Theresa	Davis.
19,	Gertrude May Pratt	George S. and Anna	Burget.
31,	Helen Louise Hatell	Charles H. and Mamie	Lovejoy.
June 4,	Lincoln Simeon Bates	James and Rebecca	Brown.
25,	John Franklin Costello	Henry C. and Lulu	Tilden.
July 19,	Eleanor Frances Ford		
August 14,	Stillborn		
October 25,	Ethel May Bates	Henry W. and Nellie M.	Hammond.
30,	Gladys Jackman	George A. and Lillian	Elliott.
November 2,	Faulkner Fogg	Horace T. and Isabella	Faulkner.
December 12,	Stillborn		
29,	Dorothy Marion Appleford	William H. and Edith B.	Capell.
1903.			
April 26,	John Alfred Litchfield	Alfred C. and Margaret	Edwards.

Blanks for the returns required to be made by physicians and parents may be obtained by applying to the Town Clerk.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN NORWELL DURING THE YEAR 1904.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.	CAUSE OF DEATH.	BIRTHPLACE.	PLACE OF DEATH.
		Y. M. D.			
Jan. 8	George Dyer	80	Cerebral hemorrhage.....	Quincy	Boston
9	Bradford Little	74	Fatty degeneration of heart.....	Dartmouth	Norwell
Feb. 20	Charles Laurence Smith.....	4	Broncho pneumonia.....	Norwell	"
March 25	Alice L. Merritt (Clapp).....	50 7 4	Valvular disease of heart.....	So. Scituate	"
30	James W. Sampson.....	76 1	Disease of liver and gall bladder..	Scituate	"
31	Jonathan Mayers.....	4	Umbilical hemorrhage	Norwell	"
May 7	Edward C. Jordan.....	52 24	Accident.....	Nova Scotia	"
12	— Staples.....	8	Hemorrhage of bowels.....	Norwell	"
19	Charles H. Kibby	53	Apoplexy	Chelsea	"
June 2	Wallace M. Shaw	69 5	Suicide by shooting	Cumington	"
4	Martha M. Poole (Young).....	51 10 4	Miliary tuberculosis..... [heart	Hingham	"
14	Olive Elizabeth Fastman (Woodsum)	75 7	Hypostatic pneumonia from weak	Boston	"
July 7	John C. Brown.....	64 1	Tuberculosis of lungs	"	"
16	Williams B. Brooks	90 8 7	Senile gangrene	Camden, Me.	"
August 12	Alfred Reed Ellius	8 3	Ptomaine poisoning	Boston	"
16	Jacob L. Waters	63	Cancer.....	Scituate	"
23	Franklin Litchfield.....	65	Pneumonia	"	Waltham
27	Lacy J. Lapham (Farrar)	71 2 18	Cancer of liver..... [ease	"	Norwell
Oct. 1	William A. Knight	68	Injury to abdomen and heart dis-	Salem	"
6	Flora May Goddard (Keene).....	27 10	Surgical operation for hematocele	Summer, Me.	"
11	Joseph Merritt	84 10 5	Enteritis.....	Scituate	"
14	Joseph H. Hackett	71 2	Pneumonia	Maine	"
18	George Chauncey H. Litchfield	27 14	Internal injury from fall	So. Scituate	Quincy
Nov. 13	Thomas Mee	69	Tuberculosis of lungs	Ireland	Norwell*
21	Mildred Albee.....	2 10	Group and pneumonia	"	"
Dec. 8	Peleg Curtis	86 1 20	Nephritis	Scituate	"
15	Charles N. Duncan.....	96 9 9	Softening of brain.....	New York	"

Number of marriages, 17; number of births, 18; number of deaths, 27.

Respectfully submitted, JOSEPH F. MERRITT, Town Clerk.

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER.

Horace T. Fogg, Treas., in account with Town of Norwell.

DR.

To cash on hand January 21, 1904,	\$3,441 72
Dog tax, 1903, refunded,	323 20
Income Massachusetts School Fund,	929 86
Refunded by the Commonwealth :	
Corporation tax,	2,184 95
National Bank tax,	808 06
Support of State paupers,	9 00
Inspection of Animals,	17 00
Education of Children,	146 50
State Aid,	2,260 00
Street Railway tax,	251 90
Tuition of children in small towns,	300 00
State Board of Education,	416 66
Refunded by Towns :	
Town of Holbrook, aid,	177 75
Town of Canton, aid,	156 00
Town of Whitman, aid,	75 00
Town of Scituate, aid,	52 00
Town of Duxbury, aid,	49 00
Town of Marshfield, aid,	72 00
Town of Hull, aid,	17 00
Town of Plymouth, aid,	1 00
Town of Dartmouth, aid,	38 50
Personal aid refunded,	17 00
Board of Mary L. Bowker refunded,	42 71

Sale of lots in cemetery,	\$30 00
Charles S. Tilden, fish rights,	8 00
Charles A. Bates, mortgage on Grander- son place,	150 00
Charles A. Bates, interest,	7 50
Second District Court, fines,	115 45
Harry S. Merritt, license,	2 00
Lester W. Osborn, licenses,	8 00
Otis H. Perry, license,	2 00
J. H. Pinkham, Supt. of Almshouse,	233 00
Board of Thomas Mee at Almshouse,	40 80
Overdrafts repaid,	4 10
South Scituate Savings Bank, anticipa- tion notes,	7,000 00
Interest on temporary deposit,	35 90
Old Colony Street Railway, excise tax,	211 43
A. J. Litchfield, Collector, taxes of 1904,	11,094 21
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	\$30,729 20

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By cash paid on orders of Selectmen and School Committee,	\$18,995 91
Post 112, G. A. R., by vote of town,	100 00
Police Officers and Constables, Second District Court,	145 75
South Scituate Savings Bank, on account of anticipation notes,	5,000 00
South Scituate Savings Bank, interest on anticipation notes,	154 33
South Scituate Savings Bank, interest on time loan,	182 50
Interest on Coffin Poor Fund note,	80 00
Interest on A. T. Otis Poor Fund note,	52 00
County Treasurer, on account North	

River Bridge,	\$50 00
Scituate tax,	5 00
County tax,	1,471 44
State tax,	975 00
Cash on hand, to balance	3,517 27
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	\$30,729 20

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE T. FOGG, Treasurer.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

Andrew J. Litchfield in account with the Town of Norwell :

DR.

To assessment of 1904	\$14,365 29
To excise tax of 1904	211 43
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	\$14,576 72

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By excise tax paid treasurer	\$211 43
By cash paid treasurer	11,094 21
1904 taxes outstanding	3,271 08
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	\$14,576 72

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW J. LITCHFIELD, Collector.

TAXES ABATED.

F. E. Adams	\$3 45
J. H. Costello	2 00
Charles David	4 03
J. C. Durnin	2 00

Ernest Daigle	\$2 00
Elmira C. Griswold	3 12
Paul H. Hussey	2 00
James B. Knapp	3 45
Robert A. McKee	2 00
Mrs. John R. Smith	7 25
Samuel C. Vinal	2 00
Alden Briggs	08
H. Melissa Cushing	08
Anthony Collamore Estate	08
Joshua Studley	08
Michael Sylvester	08
Joseph Thompson	08
Sophia Turner	08
J. H. Whitman	08
George Ainslie	2 00
Robert Armstrong	2 00
Benjamin Briggs	12 30
Quincy Baker	2 00
David H. Bates	3 02
Henry Bates	2 00
Fred B. Cobbett	2 00
George A. Jackman	2 00
Charles F. Keen	2 00
Herbert D. Lombard	2 00
Bradford Little	2 58
Ashburton W. Pincin	7 37
Bernard Randall	2 00
John Ryan	2 00
Mrs. Mary Shepherd	7 25
Phœbe Turner	2 90
Samuel A. Ward	2 73
George H. Damon	87
L. C. Sylvester	08
Walter L. Boynton	2 00
George H. French	2 00

Lucy Gunderway Estate	\$4 86
Charles J. Harriman	2 00
John H. Howard	2 87
James F. Crocker	2 00
Emery Winslow	2 00
C. S. Merritt	2 00
Joseph Meyers	2 00

\$114 77

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

Value of buildings	\$465,173 00
Value of land	230,366 00
Value of personal property	141,744 00
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	\$837,283 00

State tax	\$975 00
County tax	1,471 44
Town tax	11,450 00
Over-layings	461 24
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Total tax	\$14,357 68

Street railway excise tax	\$211 43
Assessors' warrant to collector	14,365 29
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	\$14,576 72

Rate of taxation, per thousand \$16.00
 Number of polls assessed, 480
 Paying poll tax only, 129
 Horses assessed, 378
 Cows assessed, 223
 Sheep assessed, 31
 Swine assessed, 77
 Fowl assessed, 5,871
 Number of dwelling houses assessed, 453
 Number acres of land assessed, 12,015

HIGHWAY.

EAST WARD.

E. P. Joseph, labor 1903, not drawn	\$9 33
14 days at \$2.50	35 00
One man and two horses, 3 hours at 50c	1 50
One man and four horses, 36 hours at 83 1-3c	30 00
One man, 99 hours at 20c	19 80
One man and one horse, 36 hours at 33 1-3c	12 00
One man and two horses, 54 hours at 50c	27 00
Two men and four horses, 72 hours at \$1.00	72 00
Three men and six horses, 27 hours at \$1.50	40 50
Four men and eight horses, 18 hours at \$2.00	36 00
One man, 621 hours at 20c	124 20
Removing stones in south ward	6 00
Amos H. Tilden, 9 hours at 20c	1 80
John F. Moody and two horses, 40 hours at 50c	20 00
261 loads of gravel at 6c	15 66
Alex. Black, 125 hours at 20c	25 00

George Vinal, gravel	\$2 36
George F. Vinal, drain pipe	3 00
Frank L. Thomas, 91 loads gravel at 6c	5 46
Charles M. Leavitt, 35 hours at 20c	7 00
J. Frank Turner, 18 hours at 20c	3 60
R. W. McDonald, sharpening tools	2 00
Chester Fitts, 18 3-4 hours at 20c	3 75
Harold Osborne, 99 hours at 20c	18 90
Fred Gardner and two horses, 54 hours at 50c	27 00
Ernest Henderson, 27 hours at 20c	5 40
George H. Turner, working on road	2 13
George H. Turner and two horses, 72 hours at 50c	36 00
Elwood Ainslie, 45 hours at 20c	9 00
Harry Ainslie, 37 1-2 hours at 20c	7 50
Ralph Merritt, 148 hours at 20c	29 60
John Whalen, 99 hours at 20c	19 80
Caleb D. Litchfield, 72 hours at 20c	14 40
Henry C. Ford and two horses, 18 hours at 50c	9 00
John W. Burns and two horses, 62 hours at 50c	31 00
Joseph Hatch and two horses, 49 hours at 50c	24 50
Carlton Litchfield and two horses, 36 hours at 50c	18 00
Jesse Reed and two horses 71 hours at 50c	35 50
Ernest Merritt, 9 hours	1 50

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SOUTH WARD.

F. E. Henderson, 19 1-2 days at \$2.50	\$48 75
Two men and four horses, 89 1-2 hours at \$1.00	89 50
One man and two horses, 128 hours at 50c	64 00
One horse, 38 1-2 hours at 16 2-3c	6 42
One man, 50 1-2 hours at 20c	10 10
Two horses, 40 hours at 33 1-3c	13 34
One man, 14 7-8 hours at 20c	2 97
W. S. Simmons, one man and two horses, 40 hours at 50c	20 00
W. O. Merritt, one man and two horses, 50 hours at 50c	25 00
E. A. Jacobs, one man and two horses, 32 hours at 50c	16 00
E. E. Stetson, one horse, 135 hrs. at 16 2-3c	22 48
20 hours mowing bushes at 20c	4 00
W. C. Barnard, one man and one horse, 58 1-2 hours at 33 1-3c	19 34
Charles Smith, one man and one horse, 64 hours at 33 1-3c	21 30
One horse, 31 1-2 hours at 16 2-3c	5 25
I. D. Chenervert, one man and one horse, 53 hours at 33 1-3c	17 67
George Lee, one man and one horse, 36 hours at 33 1-3c	12 00
R. Montgomery, one man and one horse, 4 hours at 33 1-3c	1 33
W. R. Smith, 126 1-2 hours at 20c	25 30
James Studley, 303 hours at 20c	60 60
Charles Simmons, 224 1-2 hours at 20c	44 90
Robert McKee, 251 hours at 20c	50 20
Howard Packard, 175 hours at 20c	35 00
Richard Winslow, 227 hours at 20c	45 40

R. C. Henderson, 139 1-2 hours at 20c	\$27 90
Robert Smith, 39 hours at 20c	7 80
Charles Smith, 87 1-2 hours at 20c	17 50
William Sylvester, 18 hours at 20c	3 60
Albion Snowdale, 199 hours at 20c	39 80
John Knapp, 25 hours at 20c	5 00
Walter Briggs, 27 hours at 20c	5 40
D. Chenervert, 53 hours at 20c	10 60
Allan Rand, 32 hours at 20c	6 40
William Sexton, 32 hours at 20c	6 40
Thomas Jordan, 32 hours at 20c	6 40
William O. Merritt, 18 hours at 20c	3 60
Gilbert West, 277 loads gravel at 6c	16 62
Everett Winslow, 87 loads gravel at 6c	5 22
Mrs. Emma Bates, 132 loads gravel at 6c	7 92
A. J. Litchfield & Son, six shovels at 85c	5 10
H. N. Magoun, tile	2 00
H. D. Smith, repairing water fountain	1 60
Phillips, Bates & Co., lumber and paint	5 55

\$845 26

WEST WARD.

Walter Simmons, 24 1-2 days at \$2.50	\$68 75
Walter Simmons and two horses, 27 hours at 50c	13 50
Two horses, 195 hours at 33 1-3c	65 00
One man and four horses, 22 hours at 83 1-3c	18 33
One horse, 25 hours at 16 2-3c	4 25
One man and two horses, 19 hours at 50c	9 50
One man, 38 1-2 hours at 20c	7 70

One cart and horse, 29 hrs. at 16 1-3c	\$4 73
Three and one-half days at \$2.00	7 00
Stone forks	6 50
Posts and rails	4 00
Henry L. Studley, 220 1-2 hours at 20c	44 10
E. A. Damon, 172 1-2 hours at 20c	34 48
J. H. Leavitt, 18 hours at 20c	3 60
Robert Leavitt, 117 hours at 20c	23 40
George Vinal, 18 hours at 20c	3 60
Daniel F. Bates and two horses, 46 hours at 50c	23 00
A. F. Jacobs, 46 loads gravel at 6c	2 88
Wallace Hackett, 20 loads gravel at 6c	1 20
Elisha Sprague, 106 loads gravel at 6c	6 34
Benj. Loring, one man and two horses, 176 hours at 50c	88 00
Andrew Clapp, 18 hours at 20c	3 60
F. G. Healey, 9 hours at 20c	1 80
Henry Pratt, 70 1-2 hours at 20c	14 10
Carlton Pinsin, 91 1-2 hours at 20c	18 30
Albion Damon, 76 hours at 20c	15 20
Patrick Gammon, 41 hours at 20c	8 20
E. E. Jacobs, 63 7-20 hours at 20c	12 67
Simeon Damon, 50 hours at 20c	10 00
Wm. J. Hayden, 113 hours at 20c	22 60
Alvin Vinal, 27 1-2 hours at 20c	5 50
Thomas Hill, 43 hours at 20c	8 60
Walter S. Briggs, one man and two horses, 32 hours at 50c	16 00
Two men and four horses, 9 hours at \$1.00	9 00
One man and four horses, 18 hours at 83 1-3c	15 00
Mowing bushes	1 00
Alden Damon, work on bridge and stone furnished	3 85

Alden Damon, 63 hours at 20c	\$12 60
Geo. F. Crocker, 45 hours at 20c	9 00
James F. Crocker, 45 hours at 20c	9 00
Enoch Johnson, 34 loads gravel at 6c	2 04
Henry W. Mains, 159 1-2 hours at 20c	31 90
C. H. Tibbetts, 27 hours at 20c	5 40
Charles Scully, 18 hours at 20c	3 60
W. M. Shaw, 10 hours at 20c	2 00
George H. Bates, 18 hours at 20c	3 60
F. Damon, 18 hours at 20c	3 60
W. E. Damon, 57 1-2 hours at 20c	11 50
Edwin Damon, 41 hours at 20c	8 20
W. H. Farrar and two horses, 111 1-2 hours at 50c	55 75
Charles H. Baker and one horse, 27 hours at 33 1-3c	9 00
Charles Cutler, 14 hours at 20c	2 80
J. W. Brown, 59 loads gravel at 6c	3 54
Mrs. Eunice Loring, 34 loads gravel at 6c	2 04
Robert Loring, 86 hours at 20c	17 20
Bela Jacobs estate, 124 loads gravel at 6c	7 44
Mrs. Mary A. Veasey, 30 loads gravel at 6c	1 80

\$807 29

GENERAL HIGHWAY EXPENSES.

John F. Turner, labor on roller	\$22 00
Good Roads Machine Co., casting	65
Charles W. Tilden, sharpening tools	2 95

\$25 60

Total amount of Highway expenses \$2,471 24

REMOVING SNOW.

Benjamin Loring	\$70 63
Henry W. Main	4 13
Herbert Howard	7 50
William Collamore	2 75
J. Griffin	4 25
C. H. Lapham	5 25
John R. Collamore	3 75
John Brown	1 25
J. G. Tibbets	5 75
A. J. Farrar	2 50
William E. Magoun	75
W. H. Farrar	32 63
Timothy Sheehan	8 00
Peter Sheehan	50
J. H. Prouty	63
W. O. Prouty	63
F. G. Healey	10 75
J. J. Farrar	7 75
G. H. Bates	6 24
A. W. Thomas	6 50
Alpheus Thomas	5 87
Archie F. Merritt	5 25
Charles Sculley	9 16
W. M. Shaw	1 87
George A. Farrar	1 38
A. W. Robinson	1 87
Edward L. Loring	10 99

H. F. Mann	\$1 75
A. T. Stoddard	75
Chester Robinson	1 25
James Smith	6 38
Charles Smith	7 25
Walter Briggs	4 50
James Winslow	1 60
Lennie Dagan	3 25
Robert Smith	5 38
Richard Winslow	7 63
Alfred Rand	1 00
Fred W. Gardner	6 00
Herbert Litchfield	3 00
Caleb Litchfield	2 25
John Litchfield	1 25
Carl Litchfield	1 25
Harry Brown	75
Luther Litchfield	2 50
Olie Litchfield	1 25
Oscar Wagner	1 50
Percy Litchfield	1 50
John Whalen	5 63
Frank Dyer	1 25
Eddie Merritt	4 50
Ernest Loring	3 50
Charles H. Baker	8 63
E. A. Damon	11 50
W. E. Damon	5 75
E. A. Jacobs	65 75
John H. Sparrell	28 50
William T. Lapham	9 75
Allen Merritt	1 50
William Carr	12 25
Albert Osborne	9 50
Ralph Carr	6 00
Harry Perry	4 50

Thomas Jordan	\$4 00
Whitman Soule	3 50
Joshua Freeman	2 50
Howard Freeman	2 00
Andrew Clapp	2 50
George Sylvester	2 50
Joseph Sharks	2 75
Frank Damon	5 75
Alonzo Stoddard	7 88
O. D. Burhoff	4 50
Charles Curtis	3 00
Fred Jones	5 25
Henry Bates	4 25
Alden Damon	1 75
Frank Jones	6 31
Arthur Pratt	6 50
Harold Sexton	6 25
Alexander Black	7 50
Henry Munnis	2 25
E. P. Joseph	104 90
Wallace Hackett	13 87
Walter Simmons	70 87
C. O. Litchfield	13 25
George Richardson	4 00
Bert Richardson	5 00
Frank Richardson	3 50
A. L. Richardson	2 25
Arthur Carr	3 75
Lyman Lincoln	4 25
Charles Stockbridge	3 75
Robert Leavitt	3 00
Henry Leavitt	6 13
Harold Osborne	7 25
Nelson Osborne	5 00
Scott Osborne	4 50
Frank Osborne	4 00

George Vinal	\$8 00
W. L. Boynton	4 75
J. Totman	1 50
John E. Leslie	2 50
John F. Turner	3 50
Clarence Winslow	50
Carlton Pinsin	3 12
Jesse Winslow	38.
Wilbur Sylvester	2 50
Percy Litchfield	1 00
Richie Litchfield	60
C. C. Merritt	3 00
Henry W. Winslow	2 00
John H. Winslow	45
John T. Moody	5 75
Antony Moody	5 75
Charles Harris	5 00
Laurence N. Gage	4 00
Ernest Merritt	1 75
Harry Merritt	2 94
Charles Hammond	1 13
Benjamin Lee	3 75
Harry Gardner	1 00
Albion Damon	6 00
E. Harrington	1 50
John Osborne	3 51
Laban Bates	75
John M. Bates	1 25
Jesse Reed	2 00
Eddie Bates	1 25
Ralph Merritt	2 50
J. W. Hatch	2 50
John Wilder	1 25
C. F. Studley	2 63
W. W. Briggs	2 75
A. H. Tilden	5 00

R. W. McDonald, snow plow	\$6 50
John Loring	3 37
William Loring	3 13
Charles Jones	1 50
A. C. Tisdale	1 12
Henry A. Pratt	1 88
Walter Barnard	5 50
Patrick White	88
William Hayden	2 00
Alpheus Damon	1 38
William S. Briggs	12 63
Walter S. Briggs	2 88
Wallace Damon	2 25
Patrick Gammon	3 75
F. E. Henderson	69 88
Charles Simmons	2 13
Clarence Barnard	3 75
James W. Studley	4 13
I. H. Packard	4 00
W. H. Appleford	4 00
E. C. Briggs	3 25
I. D. Chenervert	2 25
Thomas C. Sampson	1 00
Henry J. Tolman	1 13
E. A. Hatch	1 50
Malcolm Howland	38
Walter Smith	38
Howard Brooks	30
Fred Capell	1 00
Calvin Crane	1 25
Zenas Howland	63
W. G. Vinal	1 25
C. W. Tilden, ironing snow plow	4 50
W. F. Pratt	1 50

\$1,053 98

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT.

Articles on hand Jan. 1, 1904	\$382 00
H. S. Turner, supplies	84 87
F. M. Curtis & Co.	96 86
A. J. Litchfield, grain	134 46
A. J. Litchfield, supplies	107 59
Corthell Bros., meat	40 83
W. W. Cutler	59 96
Curtis & Bates, supplies	27 97
Samuel Olsen, fish	12 72
A. A. Page, fish	5 14
John Monahan	24 11
Helen M. Fogg	37 50
George F. Welch, coal	72 00
George F. Welch, supplies	38 11
William S. Briggs, ice (two years)	20 94
Harry G. Pinsin, pigs	12 00
Turner Bros., garden seed	3 70
Arthur I. Nash, use of field	10 00
Frank Thomas, use of stock	2 00
George H. Turner, fertilizer	35 00
H. N. Magoun, labor on pump	2 75
Dr. H. J. Little, attendance	36 25
Insurance on Almshouse and Building	38 40
C. W. Tilden, stock and labor	16 44
James H. Pinkham, salary for year	300 00
James H. Pinkham, articles bought for cash	91 89

C. W. & E. H. Sparrell, burial J. Waters \$25 00

\$1,718 49

JAMES H. PINKHAM'S ACCOUNT.

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Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1904	\$16 71
Articles sold	309 38
Board of Thomas Mee	40 80

\$366 89

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Bought for cash	\$91 89
Cash paid to Treasurer	273 80
Cash on hand	1 20

\$366 89

ALMSHOUSE RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand	\$16 71
Cash paid for vegetables	48 15
Pork, I. A. Lincoln	14 03
English hay	38 36
Fowl	10 00
Milk	103 02
Onions	2 55
Carrots	25 62
Potatoes	6 85
Strawberries	1 10
Eggs	31 70

Cash paid for Calf	\$1 00
Team for raid	1 50
Mowing for base ball	50
Dinner for Mr. Stone	50
Mowing for Mr. Griggs	1 87
Mowing for Amos Tilden	1 13
One hog and one calf	21 50
Board of Thomas Mee	40 80

\$366 89

ARTICLES ON HAND DEC. 31, 1904.

One horse	\$40 00
Fowl	25 00
Cows	75 00
Manure	25 00
Hay	100 00
Lumber	10 00
Potatoes	35 00
Onions	1 00
Turnips	2 00
Colored beans	4 00
Cabbages	2 00
Mangles	5 00
Carrots	5 00
Wood	20 00
Groceries	10 00
Pumpkins	5 00
Squash	5 00
Coal	52 00

\$421 00

SUMMARY OF ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT.

Total expenditures	\$1,718 49
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ALMSHOUSE CREDITS.

Articles sold	\$309 38
Board of Thomas Mee	40 80
Articles on hand	421 00
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Total cost, including 33 tramps	\$947 31

OUT-DOOR POOR.

Edwin T. Leavitt.

Paid Town of Duxbury	\$49 75
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Lucy D. Gunderway.

Burial	\$25 00
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David Griffith.

George F. Welch, coal	\$29 00
C. O. Keen	2 00
E. M. Sexton	21 96
F. E. Henderson	5 00
J. H. Pinkham, paid for sawing wood	1 50
A. J. Litchfield & Son, supplies	70 28
Dr. H. J. Little, medical attendance	14 00

Wm. S. Briggs, ice	\$1 66	
Corthell Bros.	28 29	
	<hr/>	\$173 69

Children of E. C. Litchfield.

Mrs. L. S. Grant, care of children	\$12 00
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Mrs. William T. Hunt.

Town of Rockland	\$1 40	
Dr. C. E. Lowell, medical treatment	2 00	
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James Costello.

F. M. Curtis & Co., supplies	\$39 00	
Dr. C. L. Howes	60 00	
A. J. Litchfield & Son	57 00	
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Sarah E. Studley.

Cash	\$48 00	
Dr. H. J. Little, medical attendance	42 00	
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Family of Stephen Thomas.

Dr. A. L. McMillan	\$29 50
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Bella Freeman.

Worcester Insane Asylum	\$42 71
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Mary L. Bowker.

Taunton Insane Asylum (reimbursed)	\$42 71
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Mary A. Gardner.

Taunton Insane Asylum	\$42 71
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Bridget Shea.

To State Treasurer	\$36 80
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Lorenzo Cromwell.

H. S. Turner	\$2 00	
Dr. H. J. Little	6 00	
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		\$8 00

Mary Ann Gardner.

John S. Brooks, supplies	\$54 34	
Dr. H. J. Little, medical attendance	21 00	
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		\$75 34

William Gunderway.

Dr. W. P. Grovestein, medical attendance	\$15 00
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Arthur G. Lincoln.

Town of Rockland	\$4 40	
Damon Bros., supplies	4 98	
Dr. A. L. McMillan, medical attendance	13 00	
Bernard Damon, on month's rent	5 00	
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Benjamin Briggs.

Horace T. Fogg, interest	\$9 00	
A. J. Litchfield & Son, supplies	63 50	
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E. E. Gunderway.

A. J. Litchfield & Son	\$52 00
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H. W. Winslow.

Dr. H. J. Little, medical attendance	\$54 50
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Alden Beach.

Dr. H. J. Little, medical attendance	\$7 75
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Alonzo Sylvester.

Dr. H. J. Little, medical attendance	\$13 00
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Emery Winslow.

Dr. H. J. Little, medical attendance	\$1 00
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AID TO PERSONS HAVING SETTLEMENT IN OTHER TOWNS.

Laban R. Bates, Hull

H. S. Turner & Co.	\$37 00	
A. J. Litchfield & Son, supplies	4 00	
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Chester Taylor, Scituate.

H. S. Turner & Co., supplies	\$56 00
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George A. Jackman, State.

W. D. Turner, wood	\$9 00	
A. J. Litchfield & Son, supplies	28 00	
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Bernard Randall, Duxbury.

H. S. Turner & Co., supplies	\$14 00	
W. D. Turner, wood	3 00	
Dr. H. J. Little, medical attendance	4 00	
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Josiah W. Chamberlain, Holbrook.

Phillips, Bates & Co., coal	\$19 88	
M. Little	104 00	
Dr. McMillan, attendance and medicine	69 50	
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E. C. McPherson, Canton.

A. J. Litchfield & Son, supplies	\$156 00
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Mildred Albee, State.

Burial	\$15 00
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F. A. Wheelwright, Cohasset.

A. J. Litchfield & Son, supplies	\$6 00	
Dr. H. J. Little, medical attendance	10 00	
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SUMMARY OF POOR ACCOUNT.

Total amount paid for out-door poor	\$1,566 13	
Net cost of poor at almshouse	922 31	
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Less amount refunded by towns and state		535 38
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GEO. W. GRIGGS,
ALPHEUS THOMAS,
EZRA E. STETSON,
Overseers of the Poor.

SOLDIERS' BURIAL.

Bradford Little	\$35 00	
William A. Knight	35 00	
Thomas Mee	35 00	
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Total due from the State		\$105 00

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Benj. F. Lee, paid Mrs. R. S. Winslow for board	\$21 00
Chas. H. Totman, cash	5 00

SOLDIERS HAVING A SETTLEMENT IN OTHER TOWNS OR CITIES.

Benj. K. Barrett, Whitman, cash	\$37 50
Lyman B. Fitts, Marshfield, cash	\$47 00
A. J. Litchfield & Sons, supplies	4 00
Dr. H. J. Little, medical attendance	41 75
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	\$92 75

Wm. A. Knight, Boston, John Knapp, nursing	\$21 00	
Dr. A. L. McMillan, medical at- tendance	53 50	
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Total		\$230 75
Due from other towns and cities		204 75
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		\$26 00

STATE AID PAID IN 1904.

Peter Ainslie	11 00
Charles D. Barnard	48 00
David Bassford	72 00
Amanda Bassford	48 00
Lorenzo Bates	18 00
Benjamin K. Barrett	36 00
Amanda Coleman	48 00
Abbie F. Coleman	24 00
Timothy B. Chapman	60 00
John Corthell	72 00
J. W. Chamberlin	72 00
Maria B. Damon	8 00
Ensign B. Damon	62 00
Lucy Damon	36 00
Hannah Dover	24 00
Frank Dyer	48 00
Charles David	72 00
Daniel R. Ewell	72 00
Warren Fuller	24 00
Mrs. Fuller	16 00

Seth O. Fitts	\$60 00
Lyman B. Fitts	54 00
Mathias French	72 00
Sarah Hatch	48 00
George A. Hatch	60 00
John H. Howard	48 00
William A. Knight	54 00
Bradford Little	4 00
Charles M. Leavitt	48 00
Thomas Mee	18 00
William H. Morse	48 00
William O. Merritt	59 00
Bradford B. Poole	40 00
Benjamin B. Prouty	48 00
Diana Pierce	48 00
William H. Rand	58 00
David P. Robinson	36 00
Harriet Raymond	48 00
Mary Shepherd	48 00
Edwin Studley	48 00
William E. Stone	63 00
Charles H. Totman	68 00
George O. Torrey	72 00
George T. Tolman	55 00
James H. Williams	72 00
Albert Winslow	46 00
John S. Whiting	12 00
Esther M. Young	48 00

Approved and due from State

\$2,254 00

TOWN OFFICERS.

George Cushing, auditor	\$20 00
A. J. Litchfield, collector	225 00
Henry D. Smith, selectman, assessor and overseer of poor	25 00
George H. Griggs, selectman, assessor and overseer of poor	75 00
Alpheus Thomas, selectman, assessor and overseer of poor	150 00
Ezra E. Stetson, selectman, assessor and overseer of poor	100 00
Chas. A. Berry, registrar of voters	15 00
Ezra E. Stetson, registrar of voters	15 00
John H. Prouty, registrar of voters	15 00
Walter T. Osborne, services as constable	54 30
E. E. Chamberlain, services as constable	6 00
John Corthell, services as constable	13 00
J. Warren Foster, services as constable	29 00
J. Warren Foster, inspector of animals	31 00
Mary E. Curtis, school committee	35 00
Benjamin Loring, school committee	25 00
George C. Turner, school committee	25 00
John Corthell, tree warden	21 60
Joseph F. Merritt, services as town clerk	68 13
Chas. Scully, election officer	3 00
John Whalen, election officer	3 00
Herbert E. Rollins, election officer	3 00
Horace T. Fogg, treasurer	100 00

Alpheus Thomas, hearing on bridges	\$14 50	
E. E. Stetson, hearing on Hanover bridge	2 52	
Dr. H. J. Little, services board of health	6 00	
Geo. C. Turner, services board of health	2 00	
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TOWN HALL.

Fred J. Croning, janitor	\$28 00	
A. J. Litchfield & Son	30	
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CEMETERY.

Chas. H. Lapham, labor	\$17 00
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TOWN TOMB.

Appropriation		\$500 00
Phillips, Bates & Co., material	\$43 60	
Chas. Callahan, labor	59 67	
Chas. H. Lapham	20 04	
Granite Railway Co, stone	116 80	
Wm. H. Farrar, labor	17 50	
	<hr/>	\$257 61
Received for sale of lots		\$30 00

TOWN INCIDENTALS.

Joseph F. Merritt, returning births, marriages and deaths	\$21 00
Horace T. Fogg, stationery, etc.	7 80
John F. Turner, labor on pump, Dist.No.6	2 00
Rockland Standard, printing town reports	95 00
Andrew J. Litchfield, postage, etc.	13 80
Rockland Standard Publishing Co., printing	8 00
Henry D. Smith, repairing ballot box	1 00
Ernest L. Henderson, burying woodchucks	25 00
H. D. Smith, pipe and labor Delano Hill water works	1 68
A. H. Bartlett, printing for Town Clerk	1 30
Fred W. Capell, sign board Tiffany Road	1 60
Parker W. Cushing, painting sign boards	1 82
P. B. Murphy, printing dog licenses and posters	2 50
Hingham Fire Dept., Grove street fire	7 25
A. W. Thomas, Grove street fire	11 62
A. W. Thomas, Fire Warden	4 00
Services at fire on estate of J. W. Sampson : Benjamin Stetson	3 25
John P. Hatch	3 25
Ernest Loring	63
Edward Jacobs	63
George S. Hatch	1 25
L. B. Fitts	75
Harry G. Pinsin	75
Albert Merritt	88
Seth O. Fitts	75
William Fearing, Hingham Fire Dept., Phipps' fire	4 00
County Commissioners, entrance fee for petition	3 00

Thomas Groom, Assessors' books	\$6 00
Thomas Groom, printing	9 75
Paid bounty on woodchucks. George W. Griggs	39 50
Alpheus Thomas	54 75
Ezra E. Stetson	34 25
Carrie M. Ford, printing	14 25
James Johnson, fire extinguishers placed in almshouse	10 00
F. E. Henderson, drain pipe	7 00
Horace T. Fogg, for perfecting title of property from Scituate to Norwell	21 05
W. H. Spencer, repairing pump Dist. No. 6	6 45
C. H. Lapham, " " " " 2	3 00
E. A. Turner, telephone service	35
Southern Mass. Tel Co.	85
Town of Pembroke, seeding pond	7 65
R. C. Waterman, stone markers for Church Hill cemetery	9 00
Carter's Ink Co., for ink	83
Helen L. Fogg, use of vault	8 00
S. O. Jacobs, opening grave of J. L. Waters	3 00
Coughlan Bros., legal services	10 00
Norwell Post Office, for stamps, etc.	10 84
A. J. Litchfield & Son, supplies to town office	46
Dr. C. L. Howes, return of births	75

\$482 24

RECAPITULATION.

Taxes abated	\$114 77
Highway expenditures	2,471 24
Snow expenditures	1,035 98

Town officers	\$1,082 05
Town hall	28 30
Town incidentals	482 24
Cemetery	17 00
Tomb	257 61
Almshouse expenses	1,718 49
Aid to out-door poor	1,566 13
Soldiers' relief	230 75
Soldiers' burial	105 00
State aid	2,254 00
Bounty on woodchucks	128 50

CREDITS.

Refunded by State, on acct. of poor	\$37 00
Refunded by State, on acct. of soldiers' burial	105 00
Almshouse credits	771 18
State aid	2,254 00
Soldiers' relief	204 75
Due from the State for cattle inspection	15 50
Cemetery, for sale of lots	30 00
Refunded by towns on account of poor	535 38

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

NORWELL, JAN. 19, 1905.

I have examined the accounts of the Treasurer, Selectmen and Collector and find them correctly cast, and vouchers for all amounts paid.

GEO. CUSHING, Auditor.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

LIABILITIES.

Notes in favor of So. Scituate Savings Bank	\$6,500 00
Note in favor of the Coffin Fund	2,000 00
Note in favor of Otis Fund	1,300 00
Due to other towns for support of poor	200 00

ASSETS.

Due from State for State Aid	\$2,254 00
State, for aid to poor	37 00
Towns, for aid to poor	535 38
State, for soldiers' burial	105 00
Towns, for soldiers' relief	204 75
Corporation and Bank taxes (estimated)	200 00
State, for inspection of cattle	15 50
Cash in hands of Treasurer	3,515 27
Uncollected taxes	3,271 08

LIST OF JURORS.

List of persons qualified to serve as jurors, to be presented to the town for acceptance or revision.

James L. Litchfield	Farmer
Alpheus Damon	Retired
Charles H. Dyer	Tacker
Arthur T. Stoddard	Shoe cutter
L. Frank Hammond	Farmer
Francis E. Henderson	Teamer
Wallace H. Damon	Farmer
Walter T. Osborne	Retired
Henry J. Tolman	Carpenter
Arthur C. Jones	Shoe stitcher
George W. Robbins	Paper hanger
Edwin A. Turner	Hotel keeper
Amos H. Tilden	Farmer
Geo. H. Turner	Farmer
George Cushing	Retired
W. H. Rand	Farmer
Walter C. Barnard	Laborer
Lebbeus Leach	Retired
Geo. H. Tisdale	Foreman stitcher
Ernest L. Henderson	Painter
Chas. D. Barnard	Harness maker
Joseph H. Corthell	Retired
John Whalen	Farmer
Wm. O. Prouty	Carpenter
Chas. N. Gardner	Poultry raiser
George H. Bates	Shoe worker

REPORT OF TRUSTEES.

NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF THE A. T. OTIS POOR FUND.

Loaned on town note	\$1,300 00	
In Savings Bank	700 00	
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Amount of Fund		\$2,000 00
On hand Jan. 1, 1904	\$140 77	
Interest on Bank books	32 48	
Interest on Town note	52 00	
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		\$225 25
Paid worthy poor	\$35 00	
Paid inmates of the almshouse	20 00	
In the bank Dec. 31, 1904	118 25	
Cash on hand	52 00	
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		\$225 25

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE GEORGE P. CLAPP
CEMETERY FUND.

Amount of Fund	\$100 00	
Interest	1 01	
Interest on bank book	4 08	
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		\$105 09
Paid for care of lot	\$5 00	
Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1905	09	
Fund	100 00	
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		\$105 09

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE COFFIN POOR FUND.

Amount of Fund	\$2,000 00	
Loaned on Town note at 4 per cent.		
In the bank Jan. 1, 1904	\$107 59	
Cash on hand	18 00	
Interest on bank book	3 82	
Interest on town note	80 00	
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		\$209 41

Paid worthy poor	\$43 00	
In bank Jan. 1, 1905	86 41	
Cash on hand (interest on town note)	80 00	
	<hr/>	\$209 41

NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF THE A. T. OTIS CEMETERY AND TOMB FUND.

Amount of fund in So. Scituate Savings

Bank	\$1,500 00	
Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1904	309 38	
Interest on bank books	.71 42	
	<hr/>	\$1,880 80

Paid for care of lots and flowers	\$30 00	
For labor on well	64 44	
For lumber for well	8 24	
For well pipe and carting	82 00	
A. J. Litchfield & Son, two pails	60	
Interest on deposit Dec. 31, 1904	195 52	
Fund on deposit Dec. 31, 1904	1,500 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,880 80

NINTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSEEES OF THE PRUDENCE C. DELANO
CEMETERY FUND.

Amount of fund	\$300 00	
Interest on deposits Jan. 1, 1904	63 43	
Interest on bank book	14 66	
	<hr/>	\$378 09
Paid for care of lot	\$5 00	
Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1905	73 09	
Fund	300 00	
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FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF THE MARY O. ROBBINS
CEMETERY FUND.

Amount of fund	\$200 00	
Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1904	2 00	
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FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE BETSEY B. TOLMAN
CEMETERY FUND.

Amount of fund	\$100 00	
Interest on bank book	4 04	
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		\$104 04
Paid for care of lot	\$4 04	
Fund on deposit January 1, 1905	100 00	
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		\$104 04

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE SAMUEL C. CUDWORTH
CEMETERY FUND.

Amount of fund	\$200 00	
Interest of deposit January 1, 1904	18 56	
Interest on bank book	8 80	
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		\$227 36
Paid for care of lot	\$4 00	
Interest on deposit January 1, 1905	23 36	

Fund

\$200 00

 \$227 36

 SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF THE JOSSELYN CEMETERY

FUND.

Amount of fund

\$200 00

Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1904

38 96

Interest on bank book

9 62

 \$248 58

Paid for care of lot

5 00

Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1905

43 58

Fund

200 00

 \$248 58

 SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF THE NANCY HERSEY

CEMETERY FUND.

Amount of fund

\$100 00

Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1904

12 92

Interest on bank book

\$4 54

\$117 46

Paid for care of lot

\$3 00

Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1905

14 46

Fund

100 00

\$117 46

CITIZENS' CAUCUS.

The citizens of the town of Norwell are requested to meet at the town hall, Norwell, on Friday evening, February 24, 1905, at 8 o'clock, to nominate town officers for the ensuing year, and to transact any other business that may properly come before them.

PER ORDER OF THE SELECTMEN.

Transcript of Articles in the Warrant.

FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING, MARCH 6, 1905,
AT NINE O'CLOCK A. M.

Article 1. To choose a Moderator.

Article 2. To choose a Town Clerk.

Article 3. To hear and act on the report of the Town Clerk, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Auditor, Collector and Treasurer.

Article 4. To choose all such town officers as the laws of the state and the by-laws of the town require.

Article 5. To bring in their votes "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town for the ensuing year?"

Article 6. What amount of money will the town raise for the support of poor and incidental expenses?

Article 7. What sum of money will the town raise for the support of schools?

Article 8. What sum of money will the town raise for highway repairs?

Article 9. What compensation will the town make for removing snow and appropriate money for the same?

Article 10. In what manner and time shall the taxes be collected the ensuing year?

Article 11. Will the town accept the list of jurors prepared by the selectmen?

Article 12. Will the town authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of taxes?

Article 13. To hear and act on the report of any committee heretofore chosen.

Article 14. To make allowance to town creditors.

Article 15. What sum of money will the town appropriate for the use of Post 112, G. A. R., on Memorial Day?

Article 16. What sum of money will the town appropriate for the payment of state and military aid?

Article 17. What sum of money will the town appropriate to pay the Superintendent of Schools?

Article 18. What sum of money will the town raise for repairs of schoolhouses and incidentals?

Article 19. Will the town cause a statement of their financial affairs to be printed in February next?

Article 20. Will the town appropriate a sum of money to be expended in the cemetery on Washington street?

Article 21. Will the town cause a new valuation to be taken in 1905?

Article 22. What price will the town pay for labor on the highways for the ensuing year?

Article 23. Will the town raise and appropriate a sum of money to rebuild River street as laid out by the County Commissioners?

Article 24. Will the town give any instruction to the town officers.

Article 25. Or act or do anything relative to the above.

Citizens desiring additional articles in the warrant will present them to the Selectmen on or before Feb. 18, 1905.

GEORGE W. GRIGGS,
ALPHEUS THOMAS,
EZRA E. STETSON,

Selectmen of Norwell.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF NORWELL

FOR THE YEAR 1904.

ROCKLAND :
THE ROCKLAND STANDARD PUB. CO., PRINT.
1905.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

TO THE CITIZENS OF NORWELL:

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Benj. Loring, Chairman, term expires 1907.

Geo. C. Turner, term expires 1906.

Mary E. Curtis, Secretary, term expires 1905.

SUPERVISION.

Mr. C. A. Record has during the past year managed our schools as usual, ably and well. No one not intimately acquainted with the work of a Superintendent can realize the amount of work required of one. What with visiting the various schools, conducting teachers' meetings, attending Committee meetings, and carrying supplies to every school in town, who can say that his time is not fully occupied? And, although we are entitled to but one-third of his time, yet he can call nearly every pupil in town by name or give the grade to which each belongs. Mr. Record enjoys the confidence and esteem of teachers and pupils alike and we are very glad that we are still able to retain his services.

TEACHERS.

But few changes have occurred in our teaching force the past year.

Miss Minnie G. Robbins, who was granted leave of absence that she might take a European trip, was succeeded by Mrs. Katharine Simonds, a graduate of a Rhode Island Normal school. As Miss Robbins declined a re-election at the end of the school year, we were very glad to continue to employ Mrs. Simonds, who had proven herself a first-class teacher.

Miss Mary A. Schenck, (now Mrs. H. D. Sampson), who resigned at the end of the school year, has been succeeded by Miss Lena B. McCaffrey, a Vermont Normal graduate. She has done good work, although greatly hampered by the poor attendance, which is always a source of great trouble to every teacher in Dist. No. 4.

Mr. Edward L. Hill, who succeeded Mr. Hunnewell as Principal of our High school, was educated at Brown University, and had previously taught in Providence, R. I., and in Wilkesbarre, Pa.

Miss Mary F. Simmons, of Hanover, succeeded Mr. W. Scott Osborne, who had been second assistant at the High school, and who had left to enter Bates college.

TRANSPORTATION.

Our transportation routes remain nearly the same as last year, except that by carrying the pupils from Dist. No. 2 to Dist. No. 1, instead of to Dist. No. 5, we dispensed with one barge, and as the schools in Dist. No. 1 were both rather small, the change was a good one for all concerned.

EVENTS OF THE YEAR.

Some of the pleasant events of the year have been: The union Memorial Day exercises at the Unitarian church; the annual graduating exercises of the High school at the same place combining, as it did, a fine concert by Boston talent

with the Salutatory and Valedictory by members of the class of 1904; the Institute for the teachers of this union district held at Hanover, with a very helpful talk by George H. Martin, Secretary of the State Board of Education; the annual County Teachers' Convention at Plymouth, with many helpful hints by noted educators; the year closing with the Christmas exercises held at each school room, and greatly enjoyed by the children and, too, by the older ones who were privileged to be present.

One matter which we greatly regretted, was the necessity for closing the Grammar school in Dist. No. 7. This was no new idea, but one which had been under consideration for some time. At the annual election of teachers in June 1903, the Committee notified the teachers in Dists. No. 6 and 7, that if by consolidation or any other reason, the schools should be closed, their contracts would not be binding.

Owing to the number brought to Dist. No. 5, Primary, from Dist. No. 3, it was found necessary to take one grade to Dist. No. 6, thus greatly enlarging the school, so that the necessity of closing it for that time, at least, was passed. But Dist. No. 7 had no addition to its numbers and for the Fall term of 1903, and winter term of 1904, numbered only eleven pupils; then it was, March 1904, that the Committee decided to close the school, bringing seven pupils to Dist. No. 5 and leaving the fifth grade with Miss Tolman in the Primary room. In September, the fifth grade, (now promoted to sixth grade) was brought to Dist. No. 5.

The closing of this particular school occasioned no greater change in that district than had come to other districts in town. Dist. No. 2, both schools, Grammar and Primary, and Dist. No. 3, mixed school, were both closed entirely, even carrying the first grade children, in a majority of cases only five years old, to another district. But are the committee to blame for this? We should be very glad to have a large school house in every district, well filled with children,

but under the existing conditions of business and population in town, as this is impossible, absolutely nothing remains for the Committee, but to do what they consider best for the children and the interests of the town.

ATTENDANCE

One matter, to which we have to call your attention each year, for it is an important one, is the matter of ATTENDANCE. It does seem with all that is done for children at the present day that they might be kept in school, as it requires so little effort on either the children's or parents' part. Perhaps that is the very reason the attendance is no better; everything is made so convenient that if it required more effort on either part, it would be better appreciated. We are apt to value very lightly, things easy to obtain. The most trivial of excuses is sufficient to keep a child at home for a day or more, and do you not realize how much he loses in that little time? One day of absence in a week, as is too often the case, results in failure to be promoted at the end of the year and then the teacher is blamed for the failure. It is a rare case that a pupil who attends school every day, (or attends when not really ill), and pays attention to business while there, who fails of promotion.

Did you ever think how much a parent can help a teacher and benefit the school? Let us tell you a few of the things necessary.

First — Insist upon regular and prompt attendance.

Second — Do not criticise the teacher or the methods before the children.

Third — Wait to hear both sides of the story before censuring the teacher.

Fourth — Remember that there are other children in school beside yours.

Fifth — Visit the school often, talk with the teacher; if your child is not making satisfactory progress, speak of it,

and see if you cannot do something to help ; and, lastly, try to remember that you were a child once yourself and in all probability were very much like what your child is now, and that however much you may wish it, "Old heads will never grow on young shoulders."

Let us ever strive to benefit and strengthen our school system until it can be said that Norwell, although a small town has schools which rank among the foremost in the great educational system of Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN LORING,
GEORGE C. TURNER,
MARY E. CURTIS,

School Committee of Norwell.

EXPENDITURES.

EXPENDITURES CHARGEABLE TO THE APPROPRIATION.

For the winter term of ten weeks, 1904, but chargeable to the appropriation of 1903.

Teachers' Salaries.

John A. Hunnewell	\$270 00
Mattie S. Wilder	115 50
M. Abbie Packard	80 00
Sarah F. Richardson	90 00
Mary A. Schenck	90 00
Martha C. Scully	100 00
Marion G. Merritt	90 00
Minnie G. Robbins	72 00
E. Katharine Goodrich	16 00
Mrs. S. M. Buttrick	90 00
Maria W. Tolman	90 00
A. Gertrude Jones	35 00
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	\$1138 50

Supervision.

C. A. Record	\$150 00
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Transportation.

Mrs. E. L. Loring	\$115 00
Chas. D. Barnard	88 00
Wm. T. Lapham	119 00
Chas. E. Brewster	132 00
James L. Litchfield	108 00
Tilon Williams	15 00

\$577 00

Care of Rooms.

Fred J. Croning, High school	\$25 00
Bernard M. Scully, Dist. No. 1	10 00
William E. Leslie, } Dist. No. 4	4 00
Gertrude Leslie, }	
Edwin W. French, Dist. No. 5	10 00
Wallace Henderson, Dist. No. 6	4 00
Wm. C. Tolman, Jr., Dist. No. 7	8 50

\$61 50

EXPENDITURES CHARGEABLE TO THE APPROPRIATION.

For Spring and Fall Terms, 1904.

Teachers' Salaries.

John A. Hunnewell	\$270 00
Edward L. Hill	320 00
Mattie S. Wilder	304 50
A. Gertrude Jones, drawing teacher	90 00
M. Abbie Packard, Dist. No. 1 Grammar	224 00
Sarah F. Richardson, Dist. No. 1 Primary	252 00

Mary A. Schenck, Dist. No. 4 Mixed	\$108 00
Lena B. McCaffrey, Dist. No. 4 Mixed	144 00
Marion G. Merritt, Dist. No. 5 Primary	252 00
Martha C. Scully, Dist. No. 5 Grammar	280 00
Mrs. Katharine Simonds, Dist. No. 6	
Mixed	252 00
Maria W. Tolman, Dist. No. 7 Primary	252 00

\$2748 50

Care of Rooms.

Fred J. Croning, High School	\$128 00
Bernard M. Scully, Dist. No. 1	20 00
Gertrude Leslie, Wm. Leslie, Dist. No. 4	8 00
Edwin W. French, Dist. No. 5.	28 00
Irving Henderson, Dist. No. 6	8 00
Wm. C. Tolman, Jr., Dist. No. 7	13 75

\$205 75

Fuel and Fitting.

Benj. Loring, moving wood from Dist.	
No. 2	\$4 00
Wm. T. Lapham, wood	5 00
W. Scott Osborne, work on wood	3 00
Benj. Loring, wood as per contract	32 00
F. E. Henderson, wood as per contract	21 50
John Whalen, wood and fitting	7 00
Chas. O. Keene, wood as per contract	58 00
Wm. D. Turner, wood as per contract	27 25
Wm. D. Turner, wood	5 00
Henry C. Ford, sawing wood, contract	20 00
Benj. Loring, wood	2 00
Bernard M. Scully, work on wood, No. 1	13 00

S. G. Benson, sawing wood, No. 1	\$6 00
Harold B. Sexton, work on wood, Nos. 5 and 6.	5 25
Howard Packard, work on wood, No. 7	4 00
Walter Simmons, coal, High School	42 00
Ralph D. Merritt, work on wood, No. 4	75
F. J. Croning, work on wood, High school	5 25

\$261 00

Superintendent.

Received from State	\$250 00
Town appropriation	250 00

\$500 00

Paid C. A. Record	350 00
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\$150 00

Transportation.

Mrs. E. L. Loring	\$348 00
Chas. D. Barnard	130 00
Clarence E. Barnard	4 00
Wm. T. Lapham	449 50
James L. Litchfield	288 00
L. Frank Hammond	192 00
Tilon Williams	44 00

\$1455 50

Books and Supplies.

E. E. Babb & Co.	\$277 65
Rand, McNally & Co.	13 76
J. L. Hammett Co.	81 57

Journal of Geography	\$4 50
Ginn & Co.	23 90
J. E. Judson	4 50
J. A. Hunnewell	1 05
Samuel Ward Co.	5 25

\$412 18

Cleaning School Houses.

Mrs. Annie F. Scully, Dist. No. 1	\$12 00
Fred J. Croning, High School	7 00
Mrs. Mary A. Osborne, Dist. Nos. 4 and 5	15 00
Seth O. Fitts, Dist. No. 6	5 50
Mrs. Eva L. Winslow, Dist. No. 7	6 00

\$45 50

Supplies and Incidentals.

Wm. H. Spencer, labor on stoves and materials furnished	\$43 19
Chandler Chair Co., desks	10 50
W. W. Wade, tuning piano	2 00
D. W. Ross, labor and materials furnished	4 00
F. M. Curtis & Co, supplies for school houses	9 29
Carrie M. Ford, printing report cards, programs, etc.	16 25
C. L. Rice & Son, curtains and bookcase	21 00
C. H. Baker, moving stove	75
D. M. O'Brien, expressing (1902-1903)	28 31
Harry S. Merritt, moving and resetting desks	13 43
Harry S. Merritt, closet for High school	6 50
John Whalen, labor at No. 4	3 50

Benj. Loring, telephoning, postage and other school expenses	\$8 29
Patrick McNichol, cleaning vaults	5 00
E. Lincoln Wood, use of well from 1901 to 1903	10 00
Mary E. Curtis, postage	1 88
E. F. Freeman, clearing yard No. 5	1 50
C. A. Record, sundry extra expenses	10 00
C. C. Merritt, labor and materials furnished	1 90
Levi N. Osborne, materials and labor on chimney at Town hall	18 50
John E. Corthell, electric bells for High school	5 00
F. E. Henderson, labor at No. 7	2 00
Geo. F. Welch, lumber, bricks, etc.	17 51
E. W. French, repairing clock	50
J. H. Lehan, painting and glazing	21 00
F. A. Prouty, materials and labor at No. 1	6 50
A. J. Litchfield & Son, supplies	2 54
Bernard M. Scully, brooms and hinges	88
W. C. Tolman, Jr., locks	1 00

\$272 72

HIGH SCHOOL FUND.

Unexpended balance from last year	\$107 32
Received from State	300 00

\$407 32

American Book Co.	\$16 12
W. Scott Osborne, teaching	64 00

Mary F. Simmons, teaching	120 00	
Ginn & Co., supplies	2 30	
D. C. Heath & Co., supplies	2 32	
E. E. Babb & Co., supplies	28 28	
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		\$233 02
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		\$174 30

AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR PRESENT YEAR.

Town appropriation	\$5000 00	
Dog tax	316 55	
State Board of Charity	146 50	
Received from State on account of teachers' salaries	166 66	
State School Fund	929 86	
Repairs of school houses and incidentals	250 00	
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		\$6809 57
Amount expended		5401 15
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		\$1408 42
Expenses to April (estimated)		1744 50
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Deficit		\$336 08

Norwell, Jan. 19, 1905.

I have examined the accounts of the School Committee and find vouchers for amounts paid.

GEORGE CUSHING, Auditor.

ABSTRACT FROM REGISTERS.

SCHOOLS.	WINTER TERM—1904.						SPRING TERM—1904.						FALL TERM—1904.					
	Number Enrolled.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per cent. of Attendance.	Number of Tardy Marks.	Number of Visitors.	Number Enrolled.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per cent. of Attendance.	Number of Tardy Marks.	Number of Visitors.	Number Enrolled.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per cent. of Attendance.	Number of Tardy Marks.	Number of Visitors.
No 1 Primary	12	10.97	8.72	.79	11	20	20	19.1	18.28	.95	5	43	34	26.94	25.77	.95	10	47
No. 1 Grammar	17	16.45	15.37	.91	0	19	19	17.66	16.33	.92	1	27	19	19	17.7	.93	6	19
No. 4 Mixed	21	18.33	17.33	.94	25	16	22	20.66	19.66	.95	30	5	18	16	14.29	.89	33	13
No. 5 Primary	26	25	23.42	.94	15	21	21	20.33	18.02	.88	17	12	26	23.44	20.78	.88	40	35
No. 5 Grammar	39	37.88	33.08	.87	9	11	44	41.62	35.92	.85	15	10	46	41.5	37.11	.89	13	9
No. 6 Mixed	29	27.56	21.73	.79	6	10	29	28.25	25.43	.90	8	6	34	32.22	28.92	.89	40	25
No. 7 Primary	18	17.76	12.9	.72	2	8	22	20.8	18.26	.87	13	17	23	22.25	20.13	.90	7	12
No. 7 Grammar	11	10.8	9.62	.89	2	11	49	46.96	43.83	.93	0	6	50	46.5	44	.94	0	15
High	51	50.33	46.09	.91	1	7												

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

TO THE SCHOOL BOARD.—

I hereby submit my fifth annual report as Superintendent of Schools.

My work during the past year has been, in detail, as follows :

I have visited the schools as often as seemed to me necessary ; have determined what lines of work should be pursued and have given directions to be followed in the same ; have procured proper supplies and distributed them as needed. So far as the details enumerated are concerned, I have worked unrestricted.

In most instances, the efforts of the teachers to cooperate with me in the general plan of the school work, both as regards detail and attainment, have been satisfactory. If there is any particular feature of our work that I would criticise unfavorably, it is the oral reading in the Grammar schools.

Teachers in general fail oftener in this line of effort than in any other. I think they are inclined to regard this work as something that must be done, but attach very little importance to manner of execution. To me it is a vital subject. I have spoken of it so often that I fear I am in danger of being considered a crank as regards this subject. With the passing of the old "district school" good oral reading has become almost a lost art.

This work has improved, very much in the Primary schools during the last two years. But many pupils that could read

well when in the lower grades, after reaching the High school have apparently lost capability in this direction.

I believe that in the case of the average pupil, half the effort in the study of literature is lost if the pupil be not a good oral reader, that is, be not able to read readily, with expression, and with the power to cause a listener to see the mental picture intended by the author.

As Abraham Lincoln said of this government, that "it is of the people, for the people, and by the people," so is it true of the public schools in respect to their origin, purpose and maintenance. Thus it is incumbent upon all concerned in the management of the schools to so guard their interests that they shall not fail to minister to the needs of their respective communities.

THE HIGH SCHOOL.

I think the matter of establishing a three years' course of study at the High school is worthy of consideration.

We are obliged by law to maintain a four years' course, but we could, in connection therewith, offer a course of three years, arranged with a view to serving the interests of those pupils not contemplating either a Normal school or a college course.

Many of these pupils drop out of the High school at the end of one or two years, who would in most cases remain if they could formally graduate at the end of three years. Also a three years' course can be made more interesting and profitable to some pupils than a four years' course, because of the omission of certain subjects for which they have no taste, which they would be obliged to take in working a four years' course. This idea, at first, may seem contrary to arguments advanced in favor of a ninth grade. The ninth grade work is necessary for those contemplating a course at a Normal school or a college, as those intending to pursue such courses

could not do work of the nature required for admittance to higher institutions without the training afforded by the ninth grade.

Without some such outlet as a three years' course, all would be subject to the conditions imposed by the State, whereas with such a course in operation, those obliged to earn their own support, early in life, and those having no aptitude for certain subjects, could come together in a class, for which the work could be especially arranged.

This, of course, is only a suggestion, and will be put into effect only at the desire of a majority interested and concerned.

Following this report will be found a course of study for the ninth grade and the High school, with explanations concerning the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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COURSE OF STUDIES.

NINTH GRADE.

Elementary Algebra, 4 ; English Grammar, Oral Reading, Spelling and Composition, 5 ; Bookkeeping, 3 ; American History, 4.

HIGH SCHOOL.

FIRST YEAR.

Required.—Algebra, 5 ; English, 4 ; History, 4 ; Drawing, 1.

Elective :—Latin, 4 ; Physics, 4.

SECOND YEAR.

Required :—Geometry, 4 ; English, 4 ; History, 4.

Elective :—Drawing, 1 ; Latin, 4 ; French, 4 ; Chemistry and Botany, 4 ; Commercial Geography, 4.

THIRD YEAR.

Required.—English, 3 ; U. S. History and Civics, 4 ; Physiology and Hygiene, 20 weeks, Physical Geography, 20 weeks, 4.

Elective :—Latin, 4 ; French, 3 ; Geometry, 4.

FOURTH YEAR.

Required :—English, 5 ; Review Mathematics, 5.

Elective :—Latin, 4 ; French, 3 ; Advanced Physics and Chemistry, 4 ; Geometry, 20 weeks, 4.

In the first year pupils may elect either Latin or physics.

In the second year pupils must, in addition to the required subjects, elect not less than five periods of work.

In the third year, in addition to the required work, at least seven periods must be elected.

In the fourth year at least seven periods must be elected.

A good three years' course could be easily arranged from the subjects of the four years' course.

The numerals at the right of the subjects of the course indicate the number of recitations per week.

